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Appropriations Committee  
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Connecticut General Assembly  
Hartford, CT 06106

Senator Bye, Representative Walker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Michael Bailey, Executive Director of the UConn-American Association of University Professors (UConn-AAUP). The UConn-AAUP is the collective bargaining agent of the 2500 faculty at the Storrs and Regional Campuses of the University of Connecticut.

I was disappointed to see the proposed budget put forward by Governor Malloy, as I am sure you were, after the support and commitment that this legislature has made over the past couple of years.

In September 2014, Tripp Umbach, a nationally recognized firm, released a study that stated during the FY 2013, "The operations of UCONN generate \$3.4 billion in economic impact and sustain more than 24,000 jobs throughout Connecticut." According to the study, "one out of every 68 dollars in the states economy is attributable to UCONN." That is what your support and commitment to UCONN has generated for the State of Connecticut.

In October of 2013, you approved a \$1.5 billion major expansion at UCONN to, among many other things, expand curricular and focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). This was expected to attract millions in research, business activity and increasing permanent jobs. In less than 2 years, our Governor has put forward a plan to undermine those goals.

The State of Connecticut cannot allow these commitments to fall behind. The Governor of Michigan has proposed a 2% increase in appropriations for higher education. The Governor of Maryland a 1.4% increase in state support for higher education. UCONN must stay competitive.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Bailey'.

Michael Bailey  
Executive Director  
UConn-AAUP